

**All visitors – teachers, students and parents**

- This field trip consists of touring an industrial wastewater facility which has industrial noises, smells, stairs, uneven walking surfaces, etc.
- All participants must wear closed toe walking shoes; no heels. People wearing heels and sandals will not be allowed to tour.
- Dress for the weather – the tour will be mostly outside; umbrellas, rain coats recommended.
- Participants will be walking for 1-2 hours during the tour.
- Hard hats will be provided for all visitors to wear while touring.
- Cell phones can be used to take photos only- (no i-pod, texting, etc during field trip). Cell phone service is limited at some field sites. Taking pictures is recommended.
- No smoking, eating or drinking while touring.
- Participants will be separated from buses/vehicles while touring – Make sure to have any necessary medications, emergency supplies, inhalers, etc. with you.
- Restroom stops will be limited while at the site –please use them before leaving school and upon arriving for the tour to help with logistics and available time.
- It is a good idea to bring something to drink with you – drinking water stations are available to refill water bottles after the tour.
- Lunches – if you are having lunch at the site please have each student pack their own lunch – do not put all lunches in one box as this complicates the process of walking on trails to get to the park lunch areas.
- Due to the layout of the facilities, all participants must arrive and leave at the same time. Late arrivals will not be able to join. Early departures will not be accommodated.
- Siblings and children of those touring cannot join without prior permission from your scheduling contact. Children younger than 9 years old cannot tour King County wastewater treatment facilities.
- King County staff can end a tour early for any reason. Safety is our first priority.
- Tour groups that arrive unprepared or without the required number of chaperones will not be able to tour.

**Chaperones – teachers and chaperone volunteers**

Thank you for coming to help facilitate this field trip! Chaperones are expected to:

- Help with students during transportation to/from school, during the field trip and during lunch.
- Be responsible for a set group of students throughout the tour.
- Follow all information about dress and footwear stated above.
- Arrive and leave at the same time as the rest of the group.
- Engage with students throughout the field trip – not other chaperones.
- Not use cell phones for personal business while touring.
- Keep questions educationally and developmentally appropriate for the age of the students – ask more technical questions directly to the tour guide in-between tour stops.
- Learn more about this field trip: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/Education/Resources.aspx>

King County Wastewater Treatment Division Treatment Plant Tours Program provides free water quality tours to youth and adults throughout King County. Tours provide information that helps protect our regional sewer system, our local environment and the health of our communities.

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